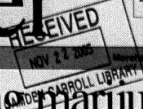




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The Trail Blazer

'Hed' and 'Fed' debate legalizing marijuana

COURTNEY CONN
STAFF WRITER

About 300 people came to Burton Auditorium Nov. 9 to hear opposing views on the legalization of marijuana.

Steve Hager, editor in chief of High Times magazine for more than 16 years, spoke as an advocate for legalization. During his career at High Times, Hager founded the Cannabis

Cup Competition, an annual event held in Amsterdam, Netherlands that establishes a worldwide standard for cannabis.

Robert Stutman argued against legalization. Stutman had a 25-year career with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and is considered one of the nation's leading experts on

drugs and drug prevention.

Hager provided many reasons for his belief that marijuana should be legalized.

Hager said marijuana is good medicine and the use of marijuana could be beneficial to people with AIDS, cancer, epilepsy, strokes and multiple sclerosis.

He said marijuana is a good substitute for medicinal purposes because of its ability to be cultivated in many different climates and regions.

"There is no other plant that will grow from the Arctic Circle to the equator," Hager said.

Stutman disagreed with

Hager's arguments. He said there are 435 different substances in marijuana, but only two of them are actually beneficial.

"Just because marijuana is a natural substance, doesn't mean it is always beneficial," Stutman said.

During the debate, Hager said hemp better for the envi-

ronment than manufacturing products using petroleum-based chemicals.

Hemp, the tough, coarse fiber of the cannabis plant, can be made into more than 20,000 different natural products, but cannot be used to "get high," he said.

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Photo by Ashley Sorrell

Buford Crager, former MSU vice president of Student Life, begins the process of putting on his prosthetic leg. Crager had his right leg amputated below the knee after being struck by a car in August 2004. Crager said he is still getting used to his prosthesis.

Professors say cell phones are class nuisance

BECKY COCHRAN
STAFF WRITER

They tend to ring when everyone in class is deep in thought. Each cell phone has different sounds, different ringtones, but they all have a tendency to disrupt. Cell phones can be a great thing, when they are not disrupting class time.

MSU's Dean of Students, Kevin Koett, said many students and teachers have a big problem with the use of cell phones in classrooms. Koett thinks it is disrespectful and he's in support of not having cell phones in classes. Yet, Koett said technology inside the classroom is not necessarily a bad thing.

"Some students have an easier time typing notes or other things for classes rather than writing everything out. Being able to copy and paste notes into the proper spot is nicer than there being arrows all over your paper," Koett said. We need technology in classrooms. I hope that students have the ethics and character not to cheat. I hope they take the learning process seriously."

Koett said professors should have a clear statement in their syllabi covering what their expectations are when it comes to the use of technology in classrooms.

On the first day of class, the professor should talk about the use of technology in the classroom, he said. He or she should talk about the benefits of the wireless Internet and the risks of it.

Koett said there has been no official complaint of cheating through use of technology, but he has overheard students and faculty members discussing the subject.

English professor Ron Morrison said he has had a few problems with the use of cell phones in classrooms.

"I usually never have problems with cell phones in my upper division classes, but I think a cell phone goes off about a half a dozen times in one of my freshmen classes.

"Most of my classes are small. You can tell when someone's cell phone goes off. I have also seen faculty cell phones ring," Morrison said.

Morrison said he doesn't have anything in his syllabus about cell phones in his class, but several of his colleagues do. He said he wouldn't know what to put in his syllabus about the subject.

There are special circumstances that come up and Morrison said students tell him ahead of time when they are expecting an important phone call and he works around it.

Morrison said the use of cell phones in class is not just a depart-

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Tragic accident brings faith

Crager says his family has experienced many miracles.

ASHLEY SORRELL
EDITOR

Buford Crager has only one leg but he stands tall using his faith and belief in the good of people as his crutch.

"Jenny [Buford's wife] and I strongly believe in the goodness of people — young, middle-aged, senior citizens — all ages," Crager says. "We have witnessed so many acts of kindness and concern for our family's welfare."

Much of this concern came after Crager, MSU vice president of Student Life from 1976-1984, and his family experienced and overcame illness and accidents.

On August 16, 2004, a car driven by a 15-year-old boy struck Crager as he was walking a friend's Jack Russell Terrier. The car killed the dog and Crager's leg was splintered below his right knee.

Donna M. Williams, the mother of the Morehead teenager, was recently sentenced to two years in jail for habitually allowing her under-age son to drive her car, according to an article in the Lexington Herald-Leader.

Crager was flown directly from his neighborhood on Praley Drive to the University of Kentucky Trauma Center.

Crager recalls that afternoon in vivid detail and deep appreciation for his neighbors.

He went out for his daily hour-long afternoon walk after analyzing

"Transformed by Trouble," a chapter in the bestseller "Purpose Driven Life."

The walk would change his life forever.

"From the moment I got hit, a nurse came running to me and started tending to my leg," Crager says. "Three neighbors called 911 and in no time a helicopter was called."

"They were there immediately and have been there ever since," Crager says. "I was permitted to live — a miracle."

"In the U.K. Trauma Center, I realized I was alive hearing Jenny say 'I'm here, it's going to be okay,'" he says.

Crager is grateful to be alive and to have a chance at a relationship with his 5-month-old granddaughter, Kwynnee Crager.

"I was permitted to live," he says. "This allowed me to look at her, hold her and kiss her, which I hope to continue."

Crager spent 14 days at the U.K. Hospital where he had three surgeries in an effort to save his leg. The decision to have the fourth surgery was one made with heavy hearts by the Crager family.

After the third surgery, the trauma surgeons at U.K. met with Crager's wife, Jenny, and two sons Kip and Kyle. Crager was presented with four options but decid-

ed his age and genes only left him with one viable option — to give up his leg.

"A lot of things went through my mind," Crager says. "I just wanted to get through this physical and mental anguish and never had any doubt that I made the right decision."

Though Crager's fourth operation took his leg, his journey had just begun.

He had a fifth operation at Saint Joseph Hospital for a skin graft on an area that did not heal. Crager remained strong and determined as he set to take on his next challenge — rehabilitation.

On March 24, 2005 Crager received a temporary prosthesis under the care of a trauma and plastic surgeon in Lexington.

"My recovery period time was consuming because of the severe damage to my leg and the decision to try to save my leg below the knee," Crager says.

He started challenging therapy sessions at St. Claire Regional Medical Center April 5, 2005 and completed 29 sessions with little frustration.

"I wanted to get well and I wanted to do everything within nature, within reason. I could do," Crager says. "I tried to follow the

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Photo Submitted

Crager recovers after having his right leg amputated.

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EDITORIAL

Road safety plans welcome, long overdue

State Representatives Rocky Adkins and John Will Stacy recently announced a traffic safety initiative to make the U.S. 60 bypass a safer place for MSU students and other motorists.

The bypass at Wilkinson Boulevard near the main entrance of campus has been a dangerous liability for years and the traffic safety initiative is needed and long overdue.

Adkins and Stacy should be commended for taking a necessary step in making this intersection safer but it took too long to notice and take action against the dangers of this heavily used bypass.

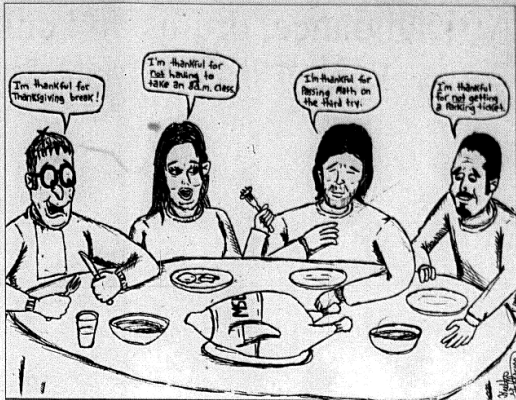
For years, students have had to use a dodge and weave tactic to cross the street at this intersection and motorists have had to use the same tactics. It is poorly lighted and the current pedestrian signals are ineffective as they give little time for pedestrians to cross the intersection and motorists turning left or right often ignore the signal and the pedestrians.

Poor visibility and heavy traffic is a formula for potential pedestrian fatalities and near misses.

Adkins and Stacy identified four specific projects to improve these intersections, including improved overhead lighting, installation of "countdown" pedestrian signals, more delineation between traffic and turn lanes and reflective pavement markers and reflective tape on existing traffic signals and signs.

These improvements will help both MSU students and motorists who frequent the intersection. Though it took far too long for officials to recognize the dangers surrounding this intersection, something is finally being done and local representatives, along with MSU President Wayne Andrews, have taken notice.

Pedestrians and motorists alike will soon be able to safely drive or walk across the U.S. 60 bypass at Wilkinson Boulevard thanks to this long overdue initiative. Now, representatives need to address other dangerous intersections along U.S. 60 and campus.



Commentary

Some celebrity thanks...



Carla Peoples
Opinion
Editor

Since Thanksgiving is next week, I have decided to write about celebrities and what I think they should be thankful for. I know what I'm thankful for, but you probably don't care. So here are my suggestions for the celebs.

Britney Spears should be thankful that she has a baby with Kevin Federline, because that is the only thing she is going to get from him.

Kevin Federline should be thankful that Britney is, uh-hum, not so bright, because he's no longer a dance machine with no money. He's now a guy who

wears con rolls and wife beaters with lots of money.

Jennifer Aniston should be thankful for whatever she possesses. She managed to snag Brad Pitt and marry him, and now she has beautiful Vince Vaughn. Whatever or whoever it is, be thankful.

Angelina Jolie should be thankful for Brad Pitt. Now she has a cheap sitter.

Lindsey Lohan should be thankful for brunette hair color. Lindsey, the Marilyn look died with her - you can't pull it off.

That goes for Christina, too.

Arnold Schwarzenegger should be thankful for the fact that Californians are more concerned with wealth than politics.

Tom Cruise should be thankful for Ron L. Hubbard and his religious cult. Without it, Cruise

probably would have never landed Katie Holmes and got her pregnant.

The current SNL cast should be thankful that Lauren Michaels has tenure at NBC.

Paris Hilton should be thankful for the New York Post. Without The Post reporting on her partying, we would never know who she was. I hate the New York Post.

And last, but not least, all celebrities should be thankful for silicone and Botox.

Need I say more?

Eat like champs MSU. And have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

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Do you have an opinion? Let us know!

The Trail Blazer welcomes reader responses. Letters should be 400 words or less and signed. Addresses and telephone numbers should be included for verification purposes. Letters must be received in Room 317 Breckinridge Hall or emailed to letterstoeditor@trailblazeronline.net by 4 p.m. Friday for the next weeks publication. The Trail Blazer reserves the right to edit letters for purposes of clarity, brevity and legal considerations—

CONSIDER THIS

"Thanksgiving is a typically American holiday...The lavish meal is a symbol of the fact that abundant consumption is the result and reward of production.

Ayn Rand

U.S. (Russian-born) novelist
(1905 - 1982)

Letters to the Editor

Student disagrees with Jones' letter

Editor,

In response to Aaron Jones' letter to the editor in response to *The Trailblazer's* Iraq commentary, let me simply say that I am as disgusted by Mr. Jones words as he claims to be by those who oppose the killing in Iraq.

He says that those of us who opposed this war looked forward with what he callously termed "evil glee" to the 2,000th death in Iraq. He says that the 2,000th death has been, in his words, "good for the Democratic Party."

Let me correct him. That 2,000th death, Aaron, was not good for anyone. It was not good for the families of those who died. It was not good for Iraq. It did not make America safer.

No one was sorer than those of us who opposed this

war and the bogus claims made by anyone who supported it when the 2000th death occurred.

Mr. Jones, callously, cruelly, asserts without a single shred of evidence that we looked forward to the 2000th death as an opportunity to "sensationalize" something.

What he has utterly failed to understand is that none of us looked forward to the 2,000th death. We simply knew that as long as the President and his people continued the current policy in Iraq, that 2,000th death was inevitable.

Just as 2,500th or 3,000th will be inevitable. We don't look forward to these deaths Aaron, but when they come we will not sit idly by while some people continue to cling desperately to the idea that this war is righting that it was the right thing to

do.

Yes, we will march. We will hold vigils. We will protest. Thomas Jefferson said, "Dissent is the highest form of patriotism."

We will continue in our dissent no matter what you call us. We will not yield to the war hawks on either side of the aisle. We will protest. We will shout from the rooftops until this utterly illegal, immoral war is over.

But never think we look forward to more deaths, Aaron. To believe that we look forward to more casualties not only unjustly diminishes our humanity, it diminishes yours.

Todd Mayo
MSU student

Editor,

In response to last week's letter from Aaron Jones, I would like to pose a question. Does Aaron Jones ever use quotes from his own Republican Party when defending it? Why is it that everytime I read something from Mr. Jones pertaining to politics, and Mr. Jones is on the offensive, the only quotes thrown out on the table are those spoken by Democrats?

And why is it that these quotes always seem to be three, four, or even seven years old?

It does not matter, and I cannot emphasize this enough, what Democrats said, or voted for, concerning the initial invasion of Iraq. Democrats are now, and were then, the minority and a blessing of the Republican controlled Congress was all that was needed to go to

war.

It is the Bush White House that got us into this war that was based on faulty, manufactured intelligence. It is the Bush White House that spent all of our \$217 billion in surplus and another \$640 billion more to occupy Iraq and convert it into a breeding ground for insurgent attacks and more terrorism.

Democratic leaders, such as John Edwards, are now admitting they were wrong about voting to go to war. Democrats had no idea they were voting for

what would eventually bring about the largest electoral defeat in history. If only the current conservative powers that be could face up to their mistakes instead of taking the cowardly, remain-silent approach, maybe Democrats would be more forgiving.

To say that we Democrats "looked forward to the 2,000th death in Iraq," and "that it was good for Democrats" is an outrage. The 2,000th death in Iraq was not ammunition for more Senate investigations.

Democrats don't need it. The Republicans have already shot themselves in the foot with campaign finance fraud, money laundering, CIA leaks and a host of other criminal offenses and failures.

Concluding, I would suggest, Mr. Jones, that you simply offer some constructive criticism, that you obtain your information from sources that expose both sides of the fence and not just the side where the grass grows greener.

Joshua Olds
MSU student

Campus Comment: What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?

Thanksgiving is known as a time of fine feasts. Since the holiday is just around the corner, *The Trail Blazer* asked students what their favorite dishes are.



David Eschenbach
Senior
Ad/PR
Naples,
FL

"Garlic mashed potatoes and smoked turkey."



Ashley Wolffong
Sophomore
Radiology
Stanton,
Ky.

"It would have to be stuffing."



Ephraim Fields
Freshman
Undecided
Frankfort,
Ky.

"A big turkey."



Thelma Prysock
Senior
Psychology
Columbus,
Ohio

"Anything that's hot and ready to eat!"



Donald Greene
Senior
Computer
Science
Flamingsburg,
Ky.

"Pumpkin pie."

CAMPUS LIFE

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African dance, drums and culture featured

RACHELL BAUH
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

A performance of drumming, singing and the sounds of unique African instruments will be presented on campus Friday.

The dance company Ballet Warraha will travel from its base in Asheville, N.C., to Morehead to perform a traditional African variation of ballet.

Music Professor Frank Oddis, who serves as coordinator for MSU's Percussion Program, said he attended an African drum and dance camp last May where several members of Ballet Warraha were instructors and performers.

Oddis said he spoke with members of the troupe about the possibility of performing at MSU. He returned to MSU and found interest and funding to support a performance.

Oddis said Ballet Warraha would also offer workshops for the dance and percussion departments at MSU.

"We built African drums this weekend for the workshops," Oddis said.

MSU has had African dance

and drumming workshops before, but it has been several years since the last workshop, Oddis said.

"My hope for the collaboration is that we will learn a set piece that we can perform next semester," Oddis said.

The performance will include music from African cultures in Guinea and the Ivory Coast with drumming, singing and the sounds of unique African instruments such as the balafon, an African form of the xylophone.

Friday's performance will feature several world-renowned dancers and percussionists, including djembe drummer Bolokada Conde, balafonist Alkaly Camara, and dancer Damaye Soumah.

Friday's performance is at 7:30 p.m. in Button Auditorium. Admission is free for students, faculty and staff with valid ID cards. Tickets for others are \$5 at the door. The workshops for the dance and percussion departments are on Saturday and Sunday.

The performance and the



Ballet Warraha will showcase traditional West African music and dance in a performance Friday.

workshops are sponsored by the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for the Humanities, the MSU Department of Music, the MSU Department of Communication and Theatre, the MSU Arts and Humanities Council, the President's Fund for Diversity, and the Office of Multicultural Student Services.



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Regents seek service award nominees

MSU is accepting nominees for the 2006 Founders Day Award for University Service.

Students, faculty, staff, alumni and other friends of MSU are asked to nominate candidates they think have given superior service to MSU for many years.

The award will be presented during MSU's observance of

Founder's Day on Tuesday, March 14.

The spring celebration will mark MSU's 84th year as a public institution of higher learning.

Nominations for the 2006 award should be submitted in writing to Founders Day Chairperson: Morehead State University, Palmer

Development House, Morehead, KY 40351-1689 or faxed to (606) 783-5089.

Nominees must have demonstrated extensive service to the university as an employee and/or volunteer. Current full-time employees of MSU are not eligible for nominations.

Nominations must be

received by Wednesday, Nov. 30 to be considered.

MSU's Founders Day Award for University Service was established by the Board of Regents in 1978.

Last year's recipient was Charles M. Derrickson. Additional information is available by calling 783-2033.

New loan options available

MSU announced Wednesday that starting in January qualifying students in teacher education and nursing programs will have access to "forgiveness" loans offered by the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC), a sister agency of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

The teacher loans "Best in Class" currently offer forgiveness of interest for all Kentucky teachers, guidance counselors and librarians.

The program also offers forgiveness of up to 20 percent of the loan principal each year a teacher works full time in Kentucky in a public or private elementary, middle or high school as a science, mathematics, special education, or foreign language teacher.

Minority teachers working in any academic area are also eligible. School administrators are not eligible.

"Best in Class" loans are available to teachers already employed in Kentucky who wish to improve their teaching credentials through graduate study at MSU.

Some "Best in Class" borrower benefits may be available through using consolidation loans if the borrower has prior KHESLC loans, including students transferring to MSU from KCTCS institutions.

The "Best in Care" nursing loans currently offer forgiveness of interest and up to 20 percent of the loan principal each year a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse works full time in Kentucky in a hospital, long-term care facility or public health agency or as a college nursing instructor.

Nurses practicing in private medical offices or clinics are not eligible and no other health science career fields are included in the program.

Nurses already working in

Kentucky wanting to obtain additional credentials by earning a bachelor's degree at MSU may use "Best in Care" loans and receive the appropriate program benefits.

According to the KHESLC Web site, the forgiveness benefits apply only to Stafford and PLUS federal student loans issued or consolidated by KHESLC.

Starting with its spring semester in January, MSU will offer the "Best in Class" loans to students who are admitted to the teacher education program and graduate students seeking an advanced teaching degree in sci-

ence, math, special education or a foreign language and to minority teachers in any teaching field.

"Best in Care" will be offered to students admitted to the associate, or bachelor's degree program in nursing.

To take advantage of forgiveness benefits, students must be in the process of repaying their loans on a timely basis.

Morehead State will continue to offer Stafford and PLUS loans to the vast majority of its students through the Federal Direct Student Loan Program which is administered on campus.

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Eagles hope for PFL championship win

JUSTIN HAMMOND
STAFF WRITER

Georgia Southern, ranked No. 10 nationally, was too much for MSU as they scored early and often in its 63-17 victory on Saturday.

Missed opportunities and assignments fueled most of GSU's drives. The Eagles had two fumbles in the red zone and a blocked punt that was returned for a touchdown.

"We left 21 points out there," Head Coach Matt Ballard said. "We were atrocious on our punt team and blocked our own punt

due to a low line drive punt. We just didn't execute."

The Eagles were in it early when defensive back Kwest Williams intercepted a Jayson Foster pass to give Morehead some momentum.

On the Eagles' drive though, GSU intercepted a Brian Yost pass and took it 74 yards for the early lead at 7-0.

Georgia Southern's next drive went 55 yards on 6 plays, capped off by a Foster 11-yard scamper for the score to extend their lead.

MSU got its first points of the day on an Adam Jones 39-yard

field goal to set the score at 14-3. That would be all the scoring the Eagles would do in the first half as Georgia Southern took control and scored 28 unanswered points, 21 of which came in the second quarter.

"I was happy the way we hung in there after the two early touchdowns and made a nice drive of our own to set up a field goal," Ballard said.

The Eagles started off the second half promising with an Eli Parkes touchdown grab from Yost as they went 80 yards in 7 plays to make the score 42-10.

After the touchdown though, Georgia Southern went on another scoring run of 21-unanswered points.

The run put the Eagles away before getting a last minute score in the third quarter by Jabari McGee, catching a 25-yard pass from Yost to make the final score 63-17 as neither team managed to put up any points in the final quarter.

On offense the Eagles managed only 120 yards on the ground and 208 through the air, while Georgia Southern racked up 455 yards rushing, but only

71-through the air.

"When they control the line of scrimmage from an offensive standpoint and put up that many yards, it equals victory for them and it is very hard to overcome," Ballard said.

The Eagles (8-3) will look to bounce back in the PFL Championship game in San Diego where they will face the Toreros (10-1) who are ranked No. 1 in the nation among 1-AA Mid-Major teams. The two teams will take the field on Saturday at 7 p.m.

"They are a very talented

team," Ballard said. "They deserve their No. 1 ranking I believe, until someone proves otherwise. I think we are up to the task."

"Everyone is already crowning them champions of the PFL and giving them a National Championship crown, but there are 56 guys that are going to be on a plane to go out there that have a little something to say about that. Our guys are excited and we think we can go out there and surprise and shock a few folks."

Coach brings experience from big schools

GEOFF AMEND
SPORTS EDITOR

With a new coaching staff at the helm, the Morehead State University Lady Eagle Basketball team is looking toward an Ohio Valley Conference championship.

Matthew Mitchell takes over this year as head coach of the team. He comes to Morehead after serving two years as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of Kentucky for UK women's basketball coach Mickie DeMoss.

Mitchell has served under several other big name coaches as well, including Carol Ross and Carolyn Peck at the University of Florida, but most notably as a graduate assistant for Pat Summit at the University of Tennessee.

Coming to Morehead on the bench are assistant coaches Shambria Jones and Matthew Webber, both 2004 graduates of UK, and graduate assistant coach Anna Stokes, a 2004 graduate of the University of North Carolina.

The team has two seniors, three juniors and five sophomores returning this year, bringing in a good nucleus for the new coaching staff.

Forward Shelly Johnson will be starting the season injured, but when she returns, this senior will help inside.

Last season, Johnson set both the school and OVC records for blocked shots in a season with 75.

TaNeisha Johnson, the other returning forward, is a good floor leader.

Last season, TaNeisha averaged 8 points, 4.7 rebounds and 3.4 assists per game. Against OVC opponents, her point and rebound averages increased to 9.1 and 5.1 respectively.

"You need strong senior leadership," Mitchell said. "TaNeisha's really done a good job and so has Shelly."

Morehead's top-returning scorer is sophomore guard Anita Smith-Williams.

In her second year out of Pleasure Ridge Park High School in Louisville, Smith-Williams led the team averaging 11.2 points per game.

As a freshman, she earned OVC Rookie of the Week twice and has been named to the 2005-2006 all-OVC preseason second

team.

Another returning player who started several games for the Lady Eagles is junior forward Jessie Plante, who started 20 of 27 games last year.

Plante averaged 5.7 points, 3.2 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game.

Other returning players include junior forward/center Holly Williams, forward Patti White, sophomore guards Tarah Combs, Stacy Strayer and Megan Gearhart, and forward Joanna McNurlin.

Gearhart sat out last year with a medical red shirt. In her freshman year, she was named to the OVC's All-Freshman Team and averaged 13.5 points per game.

Junior LaKrisha Brown and freshman Brittany Bass join the team as the only new members.

Brown comes to Morehead from St. Louis University. She had to sit out last year as part of the NCAA rule for transferring students. This rule does not apply to those trans-

ferring from junior colleges.

In the 2003-2004 season at St. Louis, Brown averaged 22 points and shot 44.3 percent from the field.

Bass is expected to be a big contributor to this year's team. As a senior at Covington High School, she averaged a double-double for the season with 15.5 points and 13.2 rebounds per game.

Mitchell said, "We feel so fortunate to have Brittany. She's going to have a great career. Brittany's a tremendous asset not only to this team, but the university, because she's a quality young woman."

Bass, the lone freshman, said, "I always joke around with my teammates and my coach about how it's a lot different (from high school). The conditioning is harder and the arena is bigger. "I've got kids bigger and stronger than me and I'm trying to learn from my teammates who have experience."

Fans will get to see just how good this team is. In its non-conference schedule, the Lady Eagles will be playing host to Marshall and traveling to Mississippi State for a tournament also featuring Purdue and Kentucky.

The Eagles start their season at home Saturday at 3 p.m.

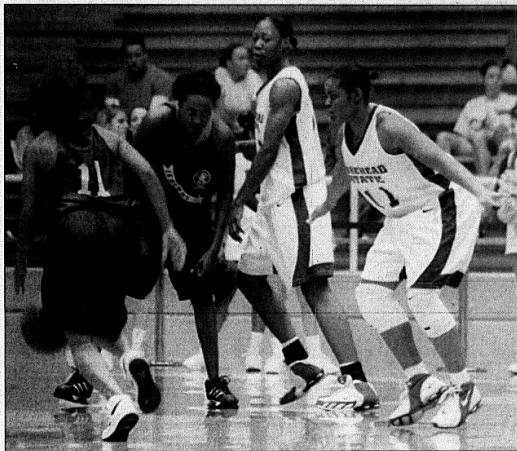


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Guard TaNeisha Johnson, right, and forward LaKrisha Brown work over the Blue Chip All-Stars offense in Saturday's exhibition game. This was the last warm up for the Lady Eagles before their season opener this Saturday against Pikeville College at 3 p.m.

Netters close rough season

BY TIA DOBSON
STAFF WRITER

Johanna Thompson was honored Friday night before the Eagles left for Tennessee Tech in the final game of the season.

The junior setter was honored for reaching the 1,000 career digs mark.

Thompson reached the mark on October 15 against Jacksonville State. Going into the match she only needed three digs, she had four that night.

MSU challenged Tech in the five-game match but in the end TTU won, 30-24, 17-30, 26-30, 30-27, 8-15.

In game one, a service ace from junior hitter Megan Buck tied the game at 6.

With MSU down 7-8 Thompson set freshman hitter Ashley Doscher for the tying kill, followed by a service ace from junior hitter Diana Zipp to take the lead, 9-8.

Doscher later tied the game at 10 with another kill, followed by a kill from sophomore hitter Jessica Ayodele to tie the game at 12.

To break the tie Thompson set Cronin up for a kill followed by a block from Ayodele and Buck for the two-point lead: 14-8. The Eagles kept fighting and went on to win the game.

Buck's performance led to 11 kills, four service aces, 5 digs and 16.5 points for the match.

Doscher led the team with 24

kills, a career high and MSU season high. She also had three aces, 12 digs and Eagle high 27.5 points.

Morehead dropped games two and three but bounced back for game four.

In game four the Eagles battled to the 23-point mark.

After an attack error from junior hitter Laura Cox to tie the game, Cox came back and took a set from Thompson to score one of her 11 kills for the match.

At the 22-19 mark a dig from freshman libero Erin Peak resulted in an attack from TTU Claire Yonatas, which was blocked by outside hitter Mel Humen, who has been out most of the year with an injury, and Buck.

For the match Thompson had career high 57 assists to combine with 10 digs for a double.

Peak led the team on defense with 16 digs and Humen had a career high three blocks.

The Eagles finished the season 6-26 overall and 2-14 in the OVC.

Cox led Morehead in scoring for the season with 418.5 points, 370 kills, 35 aces and four blocks.

Behind Cox is Doscher with 347 kills, 54 aces, 282 digs and 416.5 points.

In the setter position Katelyn Barbour played 67 games, performing 739 sets.

Splitting the libero duties for the season was Thompson and

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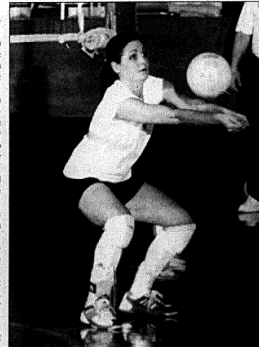


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Libero Johanna Thompson digs at a ball in Friday's regular-season finale against Tennessee Tech. The Lady Eagles lost in five games. Thompson joined the 1000-digs club during the season.

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SGA Brings
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On Wednesday, November 9th the Student Government Association held their annual fall debate. Over 400 students showed up to the event to hear the arguments related to whether or not the government should legalize marijuana for various purposes. The event's speaker in favor of maintaining marijuana as an illicit substance was Mr. Robert M. Stutman. He worked for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for 25 years and is currently retired. On the other side of the issue, audience favorite Steve Hager, argued in favor of legalizing the plant. Steve is currently the Editor in Chief of High Times magazine. He is also a founder of the Cannabis Cup competition that is held every November in Amsterdam.

Mr. Stutman's argument was based on the negative outcomes related to smoking not to mention that the drug is illegal. Research suggests that marijuana hinders one's motivation as well as their ability to think and learn. Often people become dependent on usage of the drug and find difficulty operating without it. Mr. Stutman suggested that the system is set up in a way to change public policy and legalize marijuana (passing legislation or fighting in the courts). If these methods are successful then he personally would have no problem with its usage.

Mr. Hager's stance was based on reasons that rationalize a better society with legalized marijuana. Studies show that marijuana can have medical benefits related to glaucoma, epilepsy, and cancer. The use of hemp for paper in place of trees will be better for the natural environment. Also, the legal use of marijuana will provide a taxable income for the government instead of funding organized crime. Most importantly, marijuana consumption can be an open part of our culture that will peacefully bring people together.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Metaphysics Speaker

When: November 18 at 4:15pm

Where: Combs 401

Why: Trenton Merricks will discuss the concepts of persons and objects and their state of existence.

Tree Lighting Party

When: December 1 at 4:30pm

Where: 1st floor of ADUC

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